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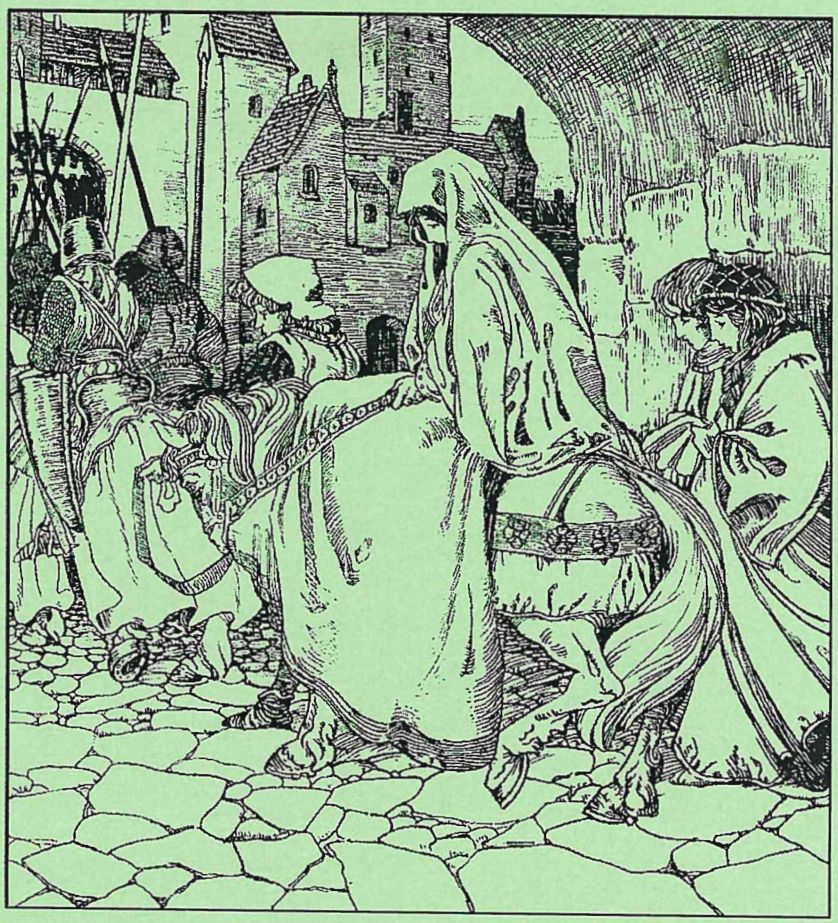

Al-Barran's Midwinter

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DECEMBER

13-14	AL-BARRAN MIDWINTER & WAR PRACTICE
19	CAERTHEN YULE *Caerthe*

JANUARY

3	CAERTHEN TWELFTH NIGHT *Caerthe*
10	VIKING VINTER VUNTERLAND *Dragonspine*
17-18	TWELFTH NIGHT & BARONIAL INVESTITURE *Citadel of the Southern Pass*
24	WINTER WOLF *Blaiddwyn*
31	SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE *St. Golias*
31	CANDLEMAS *Dragonspine*

FEBRUARY

11-16	ESTRELLA WAR
28	AL-BARRAN SCIENCE FAIR

** *Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies*

From the Baron and Baroness

Unto all to the good people of al-Barran do Sir Trevor and Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness, send warm tidings.

We thank Lady Barbara for a wonderful evening at the Dance Collegium this past month. The musicians were fabulous. We can hardly wait to have the opportunity to dance to live music again. We believe they will be playing for the further enjoyment of all at Midwinter.

We congratulate Their Royal Majesties, Hoegaarden and Chiara, on Their elevation to the Throne of the Outlands. We look forward to the coming months in Their service.

Coronation was a great time witness the pageantry of the kingdom. The elevation of Fontaine dans Sable to baronial status was exciting. We know the barony will continue to grow and thrive in the care of their excellencies, Duncan and Mary. We have always found the people of Fontaine dans Sable to be welcoming hosts and enjoyed our visit immensely.

The Company of Saint Martin hosted a very nice tournament to raise funds for the war effort this past month. The weather was beautiful and there were many friends in attendance from foreign kingdoms. It was a great day and plenty of fighting to be had. Huzzah to the Company for the exceptional generosity!

Once again, the people of al-Barran have awed us with their giving nature. We raised over a thousand toys for this years Toys for Tots campaign. Well done Cristobal! Well done al-Barran. Please join us Saturday, the 13th of December, as we celebrate Midwinter. Many good friends will be in attendance of the fine feasting and revelry. Please look further in the Shaft for reservation information.

Now is the time to prepare for War. Practice is underway every Sunday starting at eleven o'clock. Call your buddies. Get them to the park. Let us make ready!

Be safe in your travels.

Sir Trevor *Fermina*

From the Waterbearer

Greetings Unto All,

As I have stated before, we are preparing for WAR!!! There are marshaling and water bearing classes going on at Bataan Park, Sundays during fighter practice. The more non-combatants we get to fill these positions the more fighters we can field.

One of the things that we have covered in the water bearing class is basic first aide. So I thought that I would provide a list of some of the items that one would find in a first aide kit so that you may have time before WAR to put one together that fits you and your house. The past couple of year the one I use for my encampment has grown, to help with confusion I try to keep a list of the items inside the kit.

First Aid Kit items:
alcohol, iodine, and/or peroxide wipes tweezers, Band-Aids, ace bandage, antibiotic ointment, chapstick, calamine lotion, Bayer, cold tablets, pepto/ antacids, ibuprofen, saline, Q-tips, ice pack, latex gloves, safety pins, bee sting ointment, lighter, sun screen, cough drops, flashlight w/ extra batteries, insect repellant, scissors, first aide tape, vitamin C, potassium tablets, allergy tablets, hard candy (ex: life savers), energy / protein bars, heat pack, gauze pads, liquid bandage/ second skin, aloe vera gel, sanitary pads, paper and pen.

Mind you this is a big list, so put together a kit that works best for you.

In Service
Lady Bronwen Blackwell

Quotes & proverbs in this issue from:
December medieval dates are at http://historymedren.about.com/library/date/blfinddate.htm
Preparations: http://www.daypoems.net/poems/62.html
The Holly and the Ivy: http://www.christmas-carols.net/carols/holly-ivy.html
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From the Chronicler

Greetings,

Remember in January to look for the new edition of the al-Barran phone directory to be going out. Hopefully everyone listed will be contacted about changes to their entries before Christmas about any changes they may wish

to make to their listing.

Estrella War is coming in February <<WAR!>> and I will be looking for any and all information I can find on happenings Outlands or al-Barran wise so that once again we can have a day by day listing of what our kingdom is up to at war <<WAR!>>.

In service,
Lady Kathus

From the Arts & Sciences Minister

Greetings to all,

Court Dance Collegium was a great success and was well attended, for those of you that didn't get to attend the Court Dancers meet in Bataan Park two Sundays a month during fighter practice. The Court Musicians played several sets and it was beautiful. I am guessing that as the weather grows colder they will practice indoors the information for contacting them is on the web page. November 2nd Dona Rowazna held a mask making class. I hope it was well attended I myself declined to attend since the class size was limited.

The information for obtaining the books and disks from KWCS can be found at www.caerthe.org/KWCS or from Robert of Deerbourne at deerbourne@caerthe.org.

The Toys for Tots toy making competition had 4 participants: THL Gwen, THL Gunnor, Don Rudger, and Lady A'isha. THL Gwen won the competition.

December is a project report month. If you are unaware of what I mean by this it is a month that I am gathering individual projects to report to Kingdom. So please email me a_isha30@hotmail.com or contact me in some way with everything you have done in the last 3 or 4 months. Please include your full SCA name all completed projects, classes taught, and displays or demos participated in. The individual project reports will be gathered throughout December and reported to Kingdom in January. I will also upload a copy of the report to the list if anyone wants to view it.

Coming up in Arts:
West Side Project schedule Khan's Feast part 1 and 2 will be rescheduled after Midwinter - learn how to plan, research and prep a period feast
Sewing Circle Schedule THL Ash 764-8131; Dec 7th And a Thursday last minute will I ever get the hem finished Dec 11th
Armor workshops with Master Tore Thursdays from 6:00pm until 9:00 call Tore at 281-5694 for details.
Gammer Gurton's Needle Mondays 239-3196

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Winter Wolf Jan 24th Blaiddwyn;
Tons of classes
Estrella War February 11th-16th
Saturday 14th Registration 8:00am-10:45am
Populace viewing 9:45am-10:45am
Judging 11:00am-5:00pm
Populace viewing 5:00pm-5:30pm
Pick up entries 5:30pm-6:00pm
al-Barran Science Fair February 28th
Project display competition
Classes

Lady A'isha

al-Barran Court Dancing and Musicians Collegium & Ball "Thank You"

I am still in awe of the beauty and magic created by our al-Barran Court Dance Performance Troupe and our friends at the al-Barran Court Dancing and Musicians Collegium and Ball recently. There were many, many people, who each contributed many hours to make this event so very special. First, a very special thank you to Lady Melody Shaw, deputy autocrat for this event and al-Barran's webminister, who created a lovely room for the event and gathered many beautiful decorations (some all the way from Ansteorra) that are still being talked about! She also duplicated sets of the 3 al-Barran Court Dance CDs that we gave away to our out-of-town dance instructors, and she made everything flow so well and easily at this event. I am also greatly indebted to Lauri, who cheerfully and with grace, did everything asked of her and more, including baking 20 loaves of bread, serving as the feast-o-crat for the event, making all 100 of the site tokens which were amazingly made (think 100 individual, painted on 2 sides, shrinky-dinks), sewing six tablecloths and two bulleting board covers, creating over 20 dance performance troupe and musicians troupe badges, running errands, creating dance props, donating supplies, and doing other projects. Thank you both very, very much!

A special thank you also to Lord Y Port Lairge, our deputy autocrat, who was in charge of the site, from pre-planning and set-up to tear-down and cleanup, and all the moving and decorating in between. He also made the two lovely wooden period board games which we presented to their Excellencies, Trevor and Fermina, and our esteemed court dance instructors, Mistress Arwen Southernwood and THL Guillaume De Gonzac from Caerthe. We are indebted to them for traveling so far, delighting and inspiring us with their dance performance during the feast, teaching us many new dances, and giving us many copies of a wonderful dance instruction booklet and CDs of the dance music for those dances, made just for our Collegium. Lord Y also made the beautiful wooden, collapsible music stands used by Scorpion Scales, our wonderful musicians.

I am amazed and inspired by our musicians and their hard work, dedication

and all that they have accomplished in a few short months. Thank you so very much, Lady Lin Shiao Mei, as director, musician and inspiration, for all that you have done. She has gathered sheet music for essentially all of the 34 court dances in our current court dance repertoire and has the sheet music available for anyone to download from her website. She also was in charge of the Musicians Collegium at our event and entertained us with beautiful music during our feast. A very special thank you also to the other musicians, members of Scorpion Scales, who play such beautfiul music and endlessly practice with us in the park and elsewhere--Lady Melody Shaw, Lyneya del Filde, THL Asha the Easily Amused, Obsidian Shaw, & Michael de'Roma. Huhzzah!

Thanks to Lyneya del Filde, who was in charge of the gate, made gameboards, and donated other supplies for the period games we gave as prizes during the ball and to Lady Danica Nemanjaviaea, who provided crash space and volunteered for the gate for 8 hours! Thanks also to Violeta Bellafiore, who was in charge of our children's room and also handled crash space requests. We are also very indebted to Lord Sean of Rio de Las Animas, who ran sound for part of our ball and our court dance entertainment, and who created our 3 al-Barran Court Dance CDs out of music I originally supplied, but he cleaned up our music, found some new and better sources for music, and cleared copyrights, so that we could share our court dancing music with other dance instructors. We also want to thank Albertsons grocery store on Eubank for their donation of flowers for our decorations. Also, a very special thank you to Baron Sebastian, who provided crash space and once again donated many yards of fabric and notions to our dancers for 6 tablecloths, 2 large bulletin board covers, and the bags for our prizes of period games.

We also want to thank our volunteers, Ivanna, Marra, Haniya bat Baruch, Obsidian Shaw, Veronica of Drygestan, and Lady Bianca Mantegna & Chad Nasad of Ansteorra for all their help and the beautiful decorations they lent us. A very, very special thank you to all of our court dance instructors, Lady Isabella al-Harith, Lord Canus Dragonblood, Lady Melody Shaw, Lord Y Porte Lairge, Mistress Arwen Southernwood, THL Guillaume de Gonzac, and Lady Barbara, who also lead and taught dancing during our court dance ball. And my own special thanks to their Excellencies, Trevor and Fermina, for allowing us to put on this event. Finally, a huge thank you, to a wonderful group of dancers, the al-Barran Court Dancers, who put on this amazing event, performed four dances during the feast, and continue to learn, teach, support and promote court dancing in al-Barran! Thank you very, very much Lord Canus Dragonblood, Lady Melody Shaw, Lord Y Porte Lairge, Lauri, Lyneya del Filde, Ivanna 12, Marra 11, and Violetta Bellafiore! Huhzzah

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara

Madrigal

My Loue in her Attyre doth shew her witt,
It doth so well become her:
For eu'ry season she hath dressings fitt,
For Winter, Spring, and Summer.

No Beautie shee doth misse,
When all her Robes are on:
But Beauties selfe shee is,
When all her Robes are gone.

-Anonymous

The Holly and the Ivy

The Holly and the Ivy,
When they are both full grown
Of all the trees are in the wood,
The Holly bears the crown.

O the rising of the sun,
And the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ,
Sweet singing in the choir.

The Holly bears a blossom,
As white as any flower;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Saviour. *Refrain*

The Holly bears a berry,
As red as any blood;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To do poor sinners good. *Refrain*

The Holly bears a prickle,
As sharp as any thorn;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
On Christmas Day in the morn.
Refrain

The Holly bears a bark,
As bitter as the gall;
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to redeem us all. *Refrain*

The Holly and the Ivy,
Now both are full well grown;
Of all the trees are in the wood
The Holly bears the crown. *Refrain*

--15th century traditional

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Sunday	Monday	Tue
	1 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
7 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	8 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
14 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing *WAR Practice*	15 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
21 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	22 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje
28 -Fighter & Rapier Practice	29 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Proje

Christmas-Greetings From A Fairy To A Child

Lady, dear, if Fairies may
For a moment lay aside
Cunning tricks and elfish play,
"Tis at happy Christmas-tide.

We have heard the children say—
Gentle children, whom we love—
Long ago, on Christmas Day,
Came a message from above.

Still, as Christmas-tide comes round,
They remember it again—
Echo still the joyful sound
"Peace on earth, good-will to men!"

Yet the hearts must childlike be

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esday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	3 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	4	5	6 Archery & Equestrian Practices
9 Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	10 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	11	12	13 *Midwinter*
16 CITIZEN'S MEETING Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	17 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	18	19 Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Work-shop	20 Archery & Equestrian Practices
23 Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	24	25 *Merry Christmas!*	26	27
30 Blaiddwyn ect Conclave	31			

Regular Activities listings
More information on the regular activities is located on page 18 & 19. Also check the A&S letter on page 7 & 8 for the others.

Where such heavenly guests abide;
Unto children, in their glee,
All the year is Christmas-tide!

Thus, forgetting tricks and play
For a moment, Lady dear,
We would wish you, if we may
Merry Christmas, glad New Year!

—Lewis Carroll (1832-1898)

December Dates
December 20 Hanukkah
December 22 Winter Solstice
December 25 Christmas
December 26 Kwanzaa
December 26 Boxing Day
December 31 New Year's Eve

Al-Barran Midwinter

Barony of al-Barran
December 13-14, A.S. XXXVIII (2003)
Feast Site Opens 11:30 am Dec 13; Closes 11:45 pm Dec 13

Once again, the Barony of al-Barran is proud to host its traditional Midwinter feast at the historic Leon Harm's Youth Hall. This year's theme is based upon the opulent meeting near Calais between King François I of France and King Henry VIII of England. In 1520, these two kings met at the Field of Cloth of Gold and sought to outshine each other with their wealth and magnificence. There, the scene was filled with rich clothing, richer food and the presence of anyone who was or wanted to be anyone.

Entertainers of the finest caliber are invited to contact Monica, our Entertainment coordinator to propose their performances. Monica can be reached at (505) 243-1569, interested gentles are encouraged to contact her prior to October 20, 2003. There will be rewards for those gentles who reflect the opulence of the time in their dress as well as the group with the most elegant table. Other contests and games will occur throughout the weekend including a trivia contest on the Field of Gold.

The feast will be prepared by Lord Vladimir and the current menu is listed herein, however the cook reserves the right to substitute as necessary and will have a list of ingredients the day of the feast.

MENU

1st Remove
Hedgehogs of Pate
Crepes Duxelle Towers
(Crepes with a paste of mushrooms)
Bread
Fruit

2nd Remove
Pearl Soup (White Bean Soup in Ham Broth)
Scorpion Rolls

3rd Remove
"Roast Pigs" with stuffing
Forest Verdant (Broccoli & Asparagus)

4th Remove
Nymphs in Grass (herb salad & frog legs)
Golden Crowns (eggs in hollandaise)
Snow Balls (flavored rice)

5th Remove
Steak and Kidney Pies
Cabbage stuffed with Rice

Desserts
will be presented by Lady Gytha and Mistress Monica, and will include a variety of sweets sure to please any diner. Gentles wishing to assist in either effort are encouraged to contact the coordinators.

Those with questions or wishing to volunteer, please contact Safwah (sabia) at 896-3333 or ldysabia@aol.com.
Reservations will be accepted starting October 25, 2003 by Lady Skameika Draikova (Skia)/Heather Whitesides at eclecticaarts@yahoo.com or (505)

344-0094. REMEMBER, the only guaranteed reservation is a paid reservation.
Crash space is being coordinated by Triaria d'Orleans (Terry Hansen) 891-3821 or wannagame@aol.com
No outside Alcohol permitted per New Mexico State Fair Ground rules.

Midwinter Fees

Type	Feast & Site	Site Only	Non Member Surcharge
Adult (age 12+)	$15.00	$8.00	+ $3.00
Youth (age 3-11)	$7.00	$4.00	Free **
Child (age 2 & under)	Free***	Free***	

* Site without feast includes dessert
**The non-member surcharge does not apply to those children being discounted.
***Please make a reservation to hold a seat for children age 2 and under
There are No fees for the Sunday War Practice
Make checks payable to: 'SCA - al-Barran'
and mail to: Barony of al-Barran, PO Box 27676, Albuquerque, NM 87125

Directions: From I-40 take the San Mateo Exit and travel South. After several city blocks there will be a light at Lomas, turn left (East) onto Lomas going East. The next light is San Pedro, turn Right (South) on San Pedro. Look for Gate 4, just south of the light at Central. Enter Gate 4. Tell the people at the parking gate that you are with the SCA and follow the signs to the Youth Hall.

Sunday War Practice

Will be at Bataan Park on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. There are no site fees for Sunday War Practice. More details coming soon. All warriors are called to arms! All those who support the armies with water bearing and marshaling are also called to attend.

Winter Wolf Collegium

College of Blaiddwyn
Saturday, January 24, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)
Student Union Building, University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131
Site opens at 10:00 am and closes at 11:00 pm
Site Fee: Members: $5.00; Non-members: $8.00
Feast Fee: TBA
Site will be dry!

Greetings to the genteel populace of the Outlands! Winter is now upon us, and so, in the spirit of feasting and merriment, the College of Blaiddwyn is pleased to extend a warm invitation to its annual event Winter Wolf!

This year will mark an exciting turn from our usual event. Blaiddwyn will be hosting a collegium in the tradition of the medieval college. Participants may take classes related to the degree track of their choice. At the end of the day,

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they will then have a chance to take a fun and light-hearted final examination (not painful, we promise!) and earn their degree! The tracks include the Scholar (for A&S), the Bard (for music and storytelling), the Warlord (for heavy weapons) and the Swashbuckler (for light weapons). The person scoring the highest in each track will become the Champion of Blaiddwyn in that specific area. For more details of the event, including a schedule, please visit our website at **www.unm.edu/~sca/winterwolf.html**. Full amenities will be available within the building.

Directions: From I-25, turn east onto Central Ave. Take Central Ave. for 0.9 miles and then turn north onto Yale Blvd. Parking is free on Saturday at UNM campus. The Student Union Building is located in the central portion of campus just east of the Duck Pond. For a detailed map, please visit our website at **www.unm.edu/~sca/winterwolf.html**.

Reservations: The feast will be limited to the first 100 paid reservations. Reservations are *required* and prepayment is strongly encouraged! The feast will begin at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building. Please send all reservation prepayments to:

Society for Creative Anachronism
c/o Student Government Accounting Office
Student Union 1018
MSC03 2210
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131

and make checks payable to the College of Blaiddwyn. Please include the mundane and SCA name of all members in the party, as well as a phone number of the person making the reservation. For questions regarding reservations and availability, please contact the reservation coordinator. Feast Fee is still to be determined – Please check website at **www.unm.edu/~sca/winterwolf.html** for updates on the feast fee.

Autocrat:: Gabriel de Morland (Brian Nease) 505-459-6428 or email at nease81@msn.com
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Reservations/Crash space: Melchior auf die Missen (Eric Pruitt) 505-720-3820 or email at epruitt@unm.edu

When Christ Was Born of Mary Fre

Christo paremus canticam,
In excelsis gloria.

When Cryst was born of Mary fre
In Bedlem in that fayre cyté,
Angellis songen with myrth and gle:
In excelsis gloria.

Herdmen beheld thes angellis bryght,
To hem apperyd wyth gret lyght,
And seyd: "Goddys Sone is born this nyght;
In excelsis gloria."

A king ys comyn to save kynde,
In the Scriptur as we fynde;
Therfore this song have we in mynde:
In excelsis gloria.

Then, Lord, for thy gret grace,
Graunt us in blys to se thy face,
Where we may syng to the solas:
In excelsis gloria.

-Anonymous

Southern War Practice

The College of St. Golias
January 31, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)
New Mexico Tech Athletic Field,
801 Leroy Pl, Socorro, NM 87801
Site opens at 9:00 am; closes at 5:00 pm
Site fee: $3.00
Site is dry; no pets allowed

The time is soon at hand to prepare our defenses at Southern War Practice. Come one, come all! Prepare to defend our Kingdom at WAR!

Directions: *From the North:* Take I-25 south to Exit 150. Turn right at the third traffic light (College St). Turn left at the second stop sign (Leroy St). Go to the second stop sign (again) and turn right (Neel St). Take the next immediate right into the Student Activities Center (SAC) parking lot, which is next to the Athletic Field. *From the South:* Take I-25 north to either A) Exit 150 and follow the above instructions; or B) take exit 147 and head north to make a left turn at the fourth light (College St), and then follow the above instructions.

Autocrat: Lildh dwn Myfyr (melody Buser) phone 505-838-4722 or by email forgotten101@yahoo.com

al-Barran Science Fair

Barony of al-Barran
February 28th, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)
Student Union Building, University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM
Site opens at 10:00 am
Event is free
Site is dry

Have you ever wanted to know more about what we do and the world we recreate? Have you wondered how time was truly kept? Have you always wanted to know more about period adhesives, dyes, navigation, or even medicine? Now is you chance to delve into the world of the Sciences.

A Trifold Project Display Competition is giving us all an opportunity to explore what we do and how it all works. That's right a Trifold Project Display Competition just like when we were all in grade school. All you have to do is think of something you've always wanted to know more about: time, fireworks, siege engines, cosmetics, weaponry, or something you already do: scribal work, blacksmithing, cooking, archery, music, heavy or light fighting and ask some questions. How does it work? Why does it work? Which technique works better? How would it have been done in period? Can I recreate it or the tools involved? Then see if you can answer one these questions. Do some research, do some experiments. See what happens and do a display about it. Everyone who enters the competition will receive something from THL Gunner's treasure chest.

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At 10:00 set up begins for the hall and displays. 12:00 starts the competition and classes, that's right classes, not only can you view everyone's projects but classes will be held throughout the day. At 6:00 bundle up and leave the hall for the Duck pond where the college of Blaiddwyn will be running a fundraising grill. As darkness falls learn how to navigate your way across the night sky as the THL Gunner teaches his astronavigation class.

If you are interested in doing a project display or teaching a class please contact the Autocrats.

Contact Information: THL Gunner 505-256-7292
Lady A'isha 505-573-0921 a_isha30@hotmail.com

From the Central Outlands Commander

Dark Clouds gather on the western horizon, War is near!

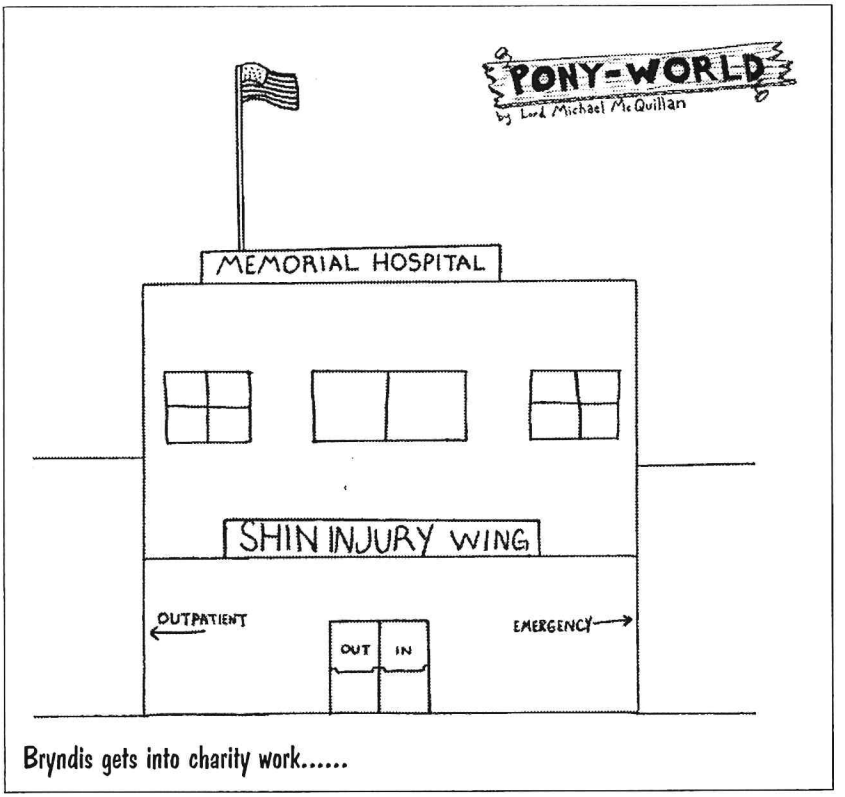
Let me introduce myself, I am Sir Bohemond, the Central Regional Commander, and al-Barran is the heart of the Central Outlands. I am the representative of the General, Bela Koss, and Crown in this region. My job is preparing this area for war by motivating and training the heavy fighters and getting us arrayed for war. Sir Gregor is leading practice in al-Barran and a leader on the field. Lord Badai, formally known as Raybar, is my deputy commander. Baron Trevor will command al-Barran!

Local lance leaders will meet at my house, or other venue, Wednesdays starting December 2, 2003. Any fighter who can get 4 fighters or more to follow them becomes a lance leader. Each of these leaders will be included in the command structure, help create the battle plans, be informed as to the plans, and their roll in them. Each lance will be given a specific lineup of their choice and learn to fight next to the same fighter each day. Soon we will start putting lances together so that each lance learns how to fight next to the same lance each day. In this way we will all be used to fighting together. Each battle we will have the line up mostly the same, bridges and castles might be the only change. Fighters put your lances together and let me know who you are!

We are running al-Barran practice like this. At 11:00 am we start melees. Between 12:00 and 1:00 we teach and drill the fighters. Lectures and lengthy discourses will only occur during the noon to 1 block. From 1:00 on we set up a game to have fun and reinforce tactics.

My mantra this year is, "Speed, Aggression, and Decisive Tactics."
Be empowered! Read the treaty at: **http://www.estrellawar.org/files/treaty.pdf**
Learn the language of battle from the Outland's Warbook at: **http://scamelee.freeservers.com/outlands_warbook.html**

Sir Bohemond le Sinistre, OL
Central Outlands Commander



Bryndis gets into charity work.....

Preparations

YET if His Majesty, our sovereign lord,
Should of his own accord
Friendly himself invite,
And say 'I'll be your guest to-morrow night,'
How should we stir ourselves, call and command
All hands to work! 'Let no man idle stand!

'Set me fine Spanish tables in the hall;
See they be fitted all;
Let there be room to eat
And order taken that there want no meat.
See every sconce and candlestick made bright,
That without tapers they may give a light.

'Look to the presence: are the carpets spread,
The dazie o'er the head,
The cushions in the chairs,
And all the candles lighted on the stairs?
Perfume the chambers, and in any case
Let each man give attendance in his place!'

Thus, if a king were coming, would we do;
And 'twere good reason too;
For 'tis a duteous thing
To show all honour to an earthly king,
And after all our travail and our cost,
So he be pleased, to think no labour lost.

But at the coming of the King of Heaven
All 's set at six and seven;
We wallow in our sin,
Christ cannot find a chamber in the inn.
We entertain Him always like a stranger,
And, as at first, still lodge Him in the manger.

-By Anonymous (17th Century)

Gammer Gurton's Needle

Gammer Gurton's Needle is a special interest group, which studies the application of embroidery, lace, inkle weaving, card weaving and other needlework techniques. Gammer Gurton's Needle meets Monday evenings at 7 pm and we do not meet in garb. Everyone is welcome. For more information and directions to location of December meetings, contact Lady Rosamond at 865-9082 ladyrosamond@earthlink.net) or the Honorable Lady Delia the Rose of Thorncastle 232-7946 (HLDelia@aol.com)

Website: http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/ .
"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure." From the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575

Court Dancing Article

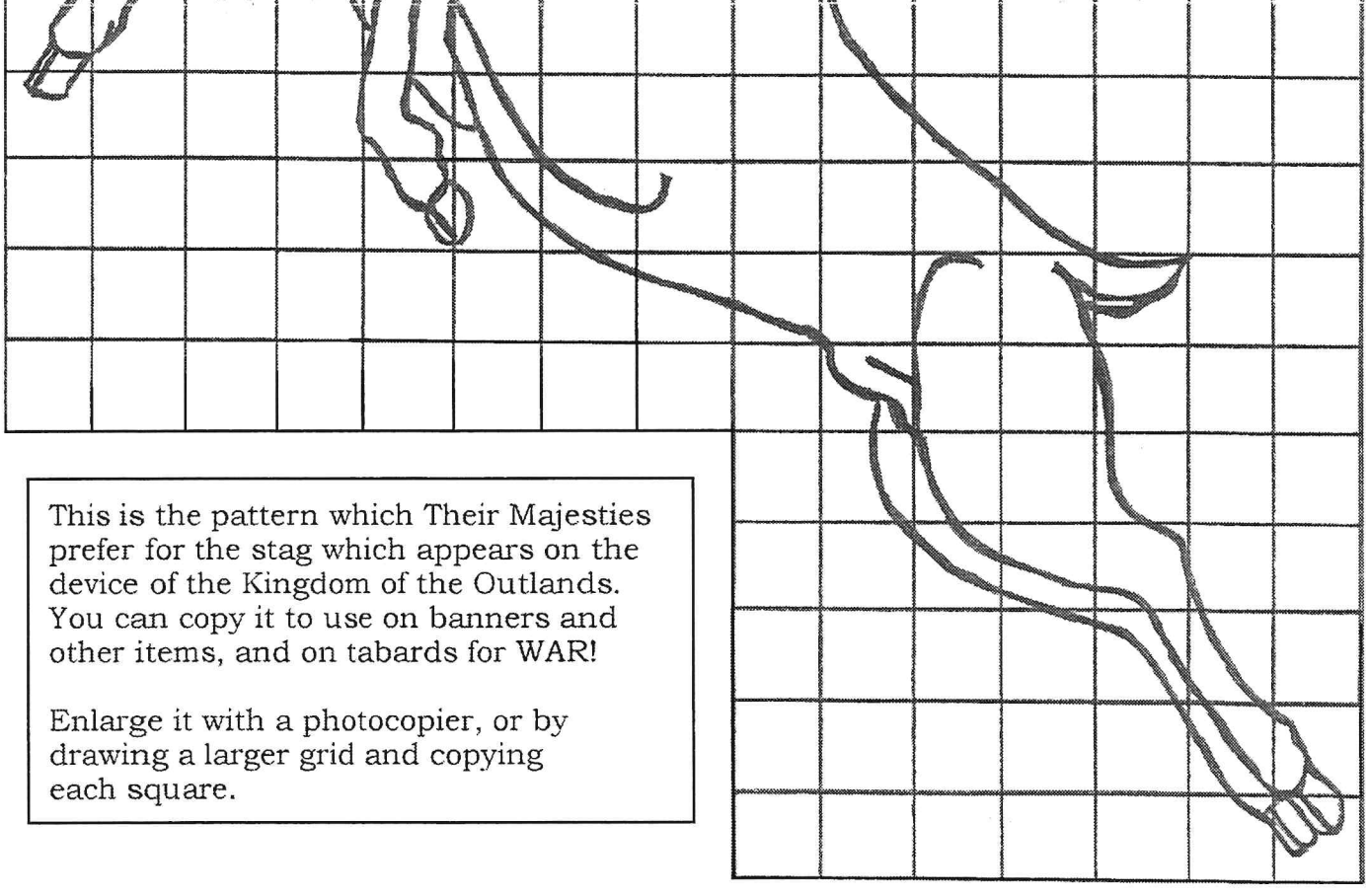
We are very excited and pleased to announce that our barony has awarded us money to upgrade our current sound system to include microphones, large speakers and a mixer for amplification for our musicians! Huzzah! A very, very special thank you to all who made this possible and to Lord Y Port Lairge, who researched and put together several great proposals for this project and presented them in October at the Citizens Meeting. A very special thank you to the members of Scorpion Scales, Lady Lin Shiao Mei, Director, Lady Melody Shaw, Lyneya del Filde, Obsidian Shaw, and THL Asha the Easily Amused, who traveled in September to St. Golias to play music for their court dancing ball. I was honored to be asked to lead the dancing and to teach court dancing for this event. Thanks, too, to our other dancers, Lord Y Port Lairge, Ivanna 12, and Marra 11, who traveled to St. Golias and made this such a special event. I also want to thank Scorpion Scales for playing dance music and all the dancers who danced with us recently at al-Barran's Esperanza event. We are delighted that there will be court dancing at Toys for Tots November 23, Mid-Winter Dec. 13, and that our court dance troupe has been asked to teach court dancing at Blaiddwyn's Winter Wolf, January 24. Our free court dance practices are held currently at fighter practice park, Battan Park, on Sundays 12:30-2:30 pm (in December, the 7th & 14th) and everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome. We have been practicing some new dances and hope you will join us, even if you believe you have two left feet. We have a "cure" for that ailment. As you travel around our kingdom, please let others (who might be interested in teaching court dancing in their barony, shire, canton or college) know that I have a free 8 page court dance instruction booklet and a set of 3 court dance CDs to give them and the offer of free private court dance lessons. As a fundraiser for the expenses of the al-Barran Court Dancers, this same 8 page court dance instruction booklet of 34 dances is available to the populace for $ 3.00. If you have any questions or wish further information, you can contact me at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu. For those of you interested in court dancing or music practices in al-Barran, please join our new musicians and court dancers discussion and information list, alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com.

Yours in service to the dream,
Lady Barbara

Beggar's Rhyme

Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,
Please to put a penny in the old man's hat;
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do,
If you haven't got a ha'penny, God bless you.

—Traditional



This is the pattern which Their Majesties prefer for the stag which appears on the device of the Kingdom of the Outlands. You can copy it to use on banners and other items, and on tabards for WAR!

Enlarge it with a photocopier, or by drawing a larger grid and copying each square.

Regular Activities

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park*: Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Stjerne 232-0457*

Court Dance Practice Court dance practice will be held on Sundays, December 7 & 14, at fighter practice park (Battan Park) from 12:30 to 2:30pm. Everyone, age 7 and up, is welcome to these free court dance practices. For those of you interested in court dancing or music practices in al-Barran, please join our new musicians and court dancers discussion list, **alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com**. *If you have any questions or wish further information, please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu.*

"Scorpion Scales" Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. New musicians are always welcome - non electric instruments preferred. Practices are held Sundays and Mondays. Sunday practices are held at the SUB on the UNM campus at 12 pm - 3:30 pm, thanks to support from Blaiddwyn. (When the weather turns nice again, Sunday practices will be held at fighter practice park at 12 pm.) Monday practices are held at the home of Lady Lin Shiao Mei (4517 Sun Valley Drive SW, ABQ) at 7 pm. Check for changes in practice times and locations, as well as download sheet music to practice, at **http://shiao_mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html** - for further information, please contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei, at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice Practices will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. The following dates have been set aside for practice in the coming months: December: 6 & 20. *Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.*

Gammer Gurton's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, conserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice will continue on Wednesdays 6 pm-9 pm till December 17th in the SUB Ballroom B. It shall resume in early January. Typically there is light fighting. Heavy fighters are welcome but should bring someone to fight. The Ballroom is in the Northwest corner of the Mall level of the UNM Student Union Building. We are usually in Ballroom B; However, The SUB occasionally does last minute room changes, and so if you are unable to find us, please ask what room we are in at the information desk. Parking is always a problem at UNM. The SUB has a loading dock, and people can try and unload there. They then move their vehicles across Central. Please do not park in the loading dock.

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Bethlehem of Judea

A little child,
A shining star.
A stable rude,
The door ajar.

Yet in that place,
So crude, folorn,
The Hope of all
The world was born.

--Author Unknown

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